GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, former Spl. Officer/EO, Cherukupalli Mandal, Guntur (Retd) while working at Venkatagiri Mandal, Tirupathi District under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for certain irregularities in paying Goods & Service Tax (GST) and misappropriation of Gram Panchayat, 14th & 15th Finance Commission Grants – Article of Charges issued – Explanation submitted – Inquiry conducted – Inquiry Report received – Show cause notice issued - Imposing a Penalty of 5% pension cut for a period of one (1) year - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.482 **Dated:11-06-2025**

Read the following:

1. Charge Memo.No.1423483/CPR&RD/N1/2022, Dt:25.01.2023 issued by the Commissioner, PR&RD.
2. WSD of Sri T. Siva Sankara Rao, former Spl.Officer/EO, Cherukupalli Mandal, Guntur , dt:nil.
3. From the CPR&RD Proceedings No. 1423483/CPR&RD/N1/2022 dated: 14.02.2023.
4. Inquiry Report submitted by the Joint Collector, Guntur & IO, SPl. Rc.No.3/DlS/lNQ/2023-JC-GNT, dt:20.10.2023.
5. From the CPR&RD, AP Letter No.1423483/CPR&RD/N1/2022 dated:23.04.2025.
6. Government Memo No.PRR01-2817106/A2/VIG.IV, dt:08.05.2025.
7. Explanation of Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, former Spl.Officer/EO, Cherukupalli Mandal, Guntur, dt:27.05.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., has initiated disciplinary action against Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, former Spl.Officer/EO, Cherukupalli Mandal, Chebrolu Gram Panchayat, Guntur district(now Retd.) in accordance with rules, for certain irregularities in paying Goods & Service Tax (GST) and misappropriation of Gram Panchayat, 14th & 15th Finance Commission Grants. As per the procedure, framed the following article of charges against the A.O :

Charge-I:

That Sri T. Siva Sankara Rao, EO (PR&RD) (Under Suspension) Cherukupalli Mandal & Special Officer, Chebrol Gram Panchayat and while working as Special Officer, Chebrolu Gram Panchayat of Chebrolu Mandal, has drawn an amount of Rs.7,16,665/- towards payment of Goods & Service Tax (GST) to the Contractor instead of payment to the concerned department, which is a violation of Rule 3 (1) of APC (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

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Charge-II:

That Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, EO (PR&RD) (Under Suspension) Cherukupalli Mandal & Special Officer, Chebrol Gram Panchayat and Mandal while working as Special Officer, Chebrol Gram Panchayat of Chebrolu Mandal, has withdrawn an amount of Rs.18,43,550/- by way of cash under contract labour salaries and wages head of account, whereas vouchers are produced for different heads of accounts and no approvals and sanctions for payments and M. Books are also not produced, thus the amount of Rs.18,43,550/- withdrawal is violation of Rule 3 (1) APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

Charge-III:

That Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, EO (PR&RD) (Under Suspension) Cherukupalli Mandal & Special Officer, Chebrol Gram Panchayat and Mandal while working as Special Officer, Chebrolu Gram Panchayat has failed to discharge his legitimate duties and also violating the Rules and Regulations and also Negligent towards his duties as per G.O.Ms.No. 410 PR&RD Department Dt. 28.12.2011 and violated Rules 3 (1) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence the Charge.

2. After examining of the Written Statement of Defense submitted by the charged Officer i.e., Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, EO (PR&RD) Cherukupalli Mandal & Special Officer, Chebrol Gram Panchayat and Mandal (Retired) in the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., vide reference 3rd read above, has appointed the Joint Collector, Guntur as Inquiry Officer and District Panchayat Officer, Guntur district as Presenting Officer to conduct inquiry into the charges.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Inquiry Report was submitted duly reporting that, out of three (3) charges framed against the Charged Officer i.e., Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, EO (PR&RD) Cherukupalli Mandal & Special Officer, Chebrol Gram Panchayat and Mandal (Retired), Charge-I & Charge-III are not proved and Charge II is partly proved.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development while furnishing the inquiry report to the Government has requested to issue necessary orders against Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, the then EO (PR&RD) Chebrolu Mandal & Special Officer, as he has retired from service on 30.06.2024, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government have communicated the Inquiry report to the Charged Officer, Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, the then EO (PR&RD) Chebrolu Mandal & Special Officer under Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S (CCA) Rules, 1991 and requested to submit his explanation, if any.

6. After examining the explanation submitted by the charged officer in the reference 7th read above, the Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% pension cut for a period of one (1) year on the charged Officer i.e., Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, the then EO (PR&RD) Chebrolu Mandal & Special Officer (Retired) under Rule 9 of A .P Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the charge II is partly proved.

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7. Having consideration of facts of the case, the Government hereby impose penalty of withholding of 5% pension cut for a period of one (1) year against Sri T.Siva Sankara Rao, the then EO (PR&RD) Chebrolu Mandal & Special Officer (Retired) under Rule-9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the lapse on the part of the Charged Officer, in respect of procedural deviation, diversion of funds from one head to another head of account and negligence on his part while discharging his legitimate duties is established.

8. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individual through Commissioner, PR&RD,
A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development,
A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Copy to:
The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Guntur District- for necessary action.
The Accountant General(A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Office, Guntur.
The OSD to Dy.CM for PR&RD, RWS, EFS & T.
The Secretary to A.P Vigilance Commission, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to the Prl. Secy. to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
SC/SF.

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